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1. AS PREDICTED IN REFTTEL, SUBJECT OF PEREZ CHIRIBOGA'S DEMARCHE THIS AFTERNOON WAS FREEDOM TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

2. BEFORE HANDING ME AN AIDE MEMOIRE DATED AUGUST 6, PEREZ SAID GOV HAD DECIDED TO APPROACH OAS COUNTRY AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN CARACAS, BECAUSE TO USE AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO OAS IN WASHINGTON "MIGHT AROUSE TOO MUCH COMMENT IN THE PRESS." HE ADDED THAT VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIVES IN HAITI, JAMAICA AND BARBADOS, WHICH HAD NO AMBASSADORS RESIDENT HERE, WOULD MAKE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS THERE.

3. I ASKED DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS HOW MANY VOTES HE NEEDED, AND HOW MANY HE HAD. HE SAID, "TWELVE, AND WE HAVE ELEVEN." HE CONFIRMED MY SURMISE THAT, AFTER RECENT VISIT OF COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT, COLOMBIA WILL NOW VOTE IN FAVOR OF LIBERTY OF ACTION TO RECOGNIZE CUBA, BUT SAID COSTA RICA WAS PROVING STICKY, FAVORING "A JURIDICAL APPROACH, RATHER THAN A POLITICAL ONE, WHICH VENEZUELA FEELS MORE REALISTIC." HERE HE MADE SOUNDS ABOUT LAST OASGA RESOLUTION RE "PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES."

4. WE ARE TELEGRAPHING SPANISH TEXTS OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND DRAFT VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION TO BE TABLES IN PERMANENT COUNCIL OF OAS. OPERATIVE ARTICLE OF DRAFT RESOLUTION IS:

"TO LEAVE THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION THE FREEDOM TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH REPUBLIC OF CUBA WHEN THEY SO ESTEEM CONVENIENT ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL INTERESTS."

5. PEREZ CHIRIBOGA SAID HE HOPED FOR U.S. SUPPORT. I REPLIED THAT I THOUGHT OUR REACTION WOULD BE NEGATIVE. MCCLINTOCK

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